

North Country Community Garden

*Membership and Recruitment*

## MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Thank you for your interest and consideration in joining our group – we are a volunteer-based, member-funded group that seeks to aid our communities, build stronger, united communities, and promote a healthier, safer, and better future. By becoming a member, you can help support our mission, fund our group – and will be eligible for all the benefits, programs, and initiatives we offer – and the future ones in the pipeline. You are entitled to a multitude of benefits, and can contribute to something much larger than yourself, a group seeking to make history, and forge a better future for generations.

Please fill out the following form and return this to us at the next meeting. Please complete it to the best of your ability. This is an essential part of the process and helps us determine our volunteer base, effectively plan events, and allows us to conduct our operations safely and securely. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to having you as part of our group.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MI:** \_\_\_\_\_

**D.O.B:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GENDER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STREET ADDRESS:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How Did You Hear About Us? \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PLACE AN X ON THE LINES IF THESE STATEMENTS APPLY.**

Do Not Contact Me: \_\_\_\_\_

I Wish to Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

I Wish to Complete the Fee Waiver Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I Am Looking for Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

I Am a Current College Student/ Pursuing Education: \_\_\_\_\_

I Am a Government Employee: \_\_\_\_\_

I Am a Past or Current Member of the Armed Forces: \_\_\_\_\_

I Am a Past of Current Member of Law Enforcement: \_\_\_\_\_

I Have Applied for Membership Before: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fee Policy Form

The Fee Policy Form pertains to the membership fees associated with accessing the benefits of the North Country Community Garden, sub-organizations and affiliates. A full list of these benefits (including a list of all partners and sub-organizations) can be found by navigating to Benefits Handbook on our website. Funding for the North Country Community Garden and its organizations consist exclusively of donations and membership fees/ dues. The fees go towards expanding capacity, providing more benefits, advertising, website upkeep, costs associated with employment, and any other relevant costs that the North Country Community Garden may need. Through this membership fee, you can access all these benefits without restriction.

The monthly charge for membership is \$5.00. This fee must be collected at the monthly membership meetings, held on the first week of each month. During the first month, no fee is due. When paying the membership fees, you must give both your Member ID Number and Member Number, so it is on record that you have paid. Change can be given. If you know attendance may be a problem, you can pay any number of months in advance.

If you miss a payment, you will have two payments due the subsequent month. If you miss these two, you may be suspended from the North Country Community Garden at its discretion and lose access to the benefits. One one-month grace period is given to each member, each year. If you are suspected of abusing this system, you may be suspended from the North Country Community Garden at the sole discretion of the North Country Community Garden. **Please complete the Fee Waiver Form if you are not financially able to pay the membership fees.** Do not abuse the Fee Waiver Form or grace period systems – it makes it difficult for us to expand and maintain the organization. Please be honest, but do not feel guilty if you need to request the form – we want to include you. We want to have you as a part of the organization, and do not want you to feel excluded in any way. **The Fee Waiver Form also applies to all volunteers, college students, those over 65 years of age, and those otherwise granted written exemption.** Please do so if you meet these guidelines.

## **PLEASE READ AND AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING**

I hereby confirm, validate, and agree that all information submitted herein is verifiable and true. All information provided is exact, and no false or misleading information was provided to attempt to deceive, undermine, harm, interfere, or otherwise mislead the North Country Community Garden.

I also hereby understand that my membership is tentative, and is not, in any way, shape, or form, guaranteed by the North Country Community Garden or any other affiliated third-party organization. I understand that this decision was unbiased and was based on the merit of my character. I agree to not hold the North Country Community Garden or its subsidiaries, or any of its employees, affiliates, directors, volunteers, officers, agents, and other associated individuals responsible, wholly or in part, for this decision.

I also voluntarily release, waive, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the North Country Community Garden, to the fullest extent of the law, its employees, affiliates, directors, volunteers, officers, agents, other representatives, and associated individuals against any and all damages, liabilities, expenses and/or loss, including court costs and attorney's fees resulting from any claims, suits, proceedings, causes of action brought by a third party against the North Country Community Garden or any of its employees, affiliates, directors, officers, agents, and other representatives and other associated individuals which may arise from or in connection with my participation in, membership in, employment in, or relating to and or associated with the North Country Community Garden.

I hereby agree to be perpetually bound, at the sole discretion of the North Country Community Garden to the fullest extent permitted by all available laws, rules, regulations, and all other statements herein to this agreement. I will verify, certify, and defend that I have been bound to all clauses, subclauses, and terms and conditions present in this agreement herein, to the fullest, maximum extent of the law. I also hereby understand that if I do not agree to be bound by (or cannot comply with) any of the terms, clauses, subclauses, conditions, regulations,

requirements, laws, or any other applicable content herein, then I will not submit this form for approval or verification by the North Country Community Garden and will not attempt to continue further. I agree that by giving my personal information, it will be used for the purposes outlined in the Privacy Policy. In addition, I understand that the North Country Community Garden shall not, under any circumstances, sell my personal information, or distribute said personal information to a third-party, unless said entity is owned or operated by the North Country Community Garden as a direct subsidiary. I affirm and understand that the North Country Community Garden will keep my information on a confidential basis and will ensure that my information is stored appropriately. However, if my personal information detailed herein is subject to unauthorized access, distribution, and or dissemination, I agree to voluntarily release, waive, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the North Country Community Garden, to the fullest extent of the law, its employees, affiliates, directors, volunteers, officers, agents, other representatives, and associated individuals against any and all damages, liabilities, expenses and/or loss, including court costs and attorney's fees resulting from any claims, suits, proceedings, causes of action brought by a third party against the North Country Community Garden or any of its employees, affiliates, directors, officers, agents, and other representatives and other associated individuals which may arise from incidents concerning my personal data, personal information, the storage of such, and otherwise any liabilities or incidents that may arise from their storage, maintenance, and otherwise use by the North Country Community Garden. By voluntarily giving my personal information in this form, I also agree to all the uses outlined in the Privacy Policy. If I do not agree to the data storage, usage, and processing requirements found either herein or in the Privacy Policy, I will not submit, sign, or otherwise complete this form for membership. By submitting this form, and signing the form with my signature, I am bound to the terms and conditions present herein regarding my privacy, and those contained within, in their entirety, the Privacy Policy.

I hereby agree that by providing my personal contact information, the North Country Community Garden shall have the sole right to contact me (including any subsidiary organizations I have registered with), using any of the following provided on this form, unless I have opted not to by placing an X next to the

appropriate statement "Do Not Contact Me." I hereby understand that the North Country Community Garden will not contact me by my given phone number unless there is an emergency situation, in which "emergency situation" is defined as a serious, unexpected, and dangerous situation requiring immediate action to my (or another's) life or property.

I hereby have read the statements given in this document regarding the payment of membership fees, dues, and any other costs arising from my involvement in the North Country Community Garden and or any of its subsidiary organizations. I confirm, attest, and agree that if I fail to pay the required membership fees, dues, or any other applicable costs, and have not either completed the appropriate Fee Waiver Form and or alerted the organization within due time (defined as two weeks before the subsequent payment is due), that I will be suspended from the organization at the end of said calendar year, at the sole discretion of either the North Country Community Garden or its associated organizations and or affiliates.

I hereby agree to pay the membership fee of five dollars per month, billed on the first day of each relevant calendar month (twelve payments per year). I also understand that the first month of my membership I am exempt from these payments. I hereby understand that this fee payment entitles me towards all programs, initiatives, and other benefits provided through either the North Country Community Garden or its affiliated sub-organizations. I hereby confirm and understand that these benefits are supplied by said entities at their own discretion – these benefits may be removed or modified at the sole discretion of the North Country Community Garden. I also hereby understand that if I voluntarily choose to complete and submit a Fee Waiver Form, I understand that the Fee Waiver Form is granted at the sole discretion of the North Country Community Garden, and I am in no way guaranteed to be granted the fee waiver. I understand that fees shall be collected at meetings held officially by the North Country Community Garden – I realize that I must pay these fees at these monthly meetings, in cash form only, with legal tender. I hereby agree to pay all the fees and other payments that may arise from my participation in the organization at the monthly meetings of the North Country Community Garden.

Furthermore, I hereby understand, agree, and confirm that my membership in the North Country Community Garden will be applicable to any authority which has authority of succession and authority over administering the North Country Community Garden. I will hereby agree to be informed and contacted by the North Country Community Garden and its successive organization regarding this transfer of membership, if applicable.

I hereby understand that I have, upon my first payment and all subsequent payments thereafter, that I have had the opportunity to complete the Fee Waiver Form. I hereby attest to the function of this form and hereby declare that I have been properly alerted to the existence and function of the Fee Waiver Form mentioned. By not submitting the Fee Waiver Form, I hereby consent to the payments I have made to the North Country Community Garden, or any other affiliated organization or entity.

I also agree that I will not engage, support, fund, deceive, or otherwise seek to bring damage against the North Country Community Garden and any sub-organizations, affiliates, its members, its employees, its directors, and any other entity related directly or indirectly to the North Country Community Garden to the maximum extent afforded by any applicable laws, statutes, and regulations. I will be held entirely responsible and liable for any and all damages brought forth against these parties to the fullest extent permitted by law. I also hereby declare that I do not support, fund, or otherwise am a member of any organization that seeks to damage the North Country Community Garden, its affiliated organizations, and its partners. I also agree, in the case of criminal prosecution, that I may be responsible for any related fees due to the criminal proceedings against me.

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By signing this agreement, I also confirm and validate that I am eighteen years or older. I hereby agree that by placing my signature below, I am bound to all clauses, subclauses, statements, and parts of this Membership Registration Form and the Terms and Conditions given herein. I affirm that this signature is my legal signature and was signed on the appropriate date. I hereby confirm, understand, attest, validate, agree, and attest that I have fully read and understood all the contents herein, and have understood the following information set forth by the North Country Community Garden. I will defend that I have read the full contents of this document, and will further attest, confirm, and agree that I have signed this document voluntarily. My signature contained herein is a valid affirmation.

I hereby agree that my Membership Registration Form shall also be reviewed by the North Country Community Garden, for processing, storage, and any other actions concerned with this document.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_



**DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAGE.**

**APPROVAL OF REGISTRATION FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the executing officer who has been granted authority by the appropriate authorized authority, affirm that I have viewed, read, and understood the contents of this document, and believe that I have made the best decision regarding applicant status. I also affirm and hold that I have viewed the applicant holistically and have viewed the applicant as equally as all others. I hereby agree that I have been granted the appropriate authority to approve and deny this form. I hereby sign and validate this document and promise to honor my decision of admittance or rejection.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number:

\_\_\_\_\_

Member ID Code:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the approval status of the applicant.

Approval Status:      APPROVED      DENIED

Please Stamp



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